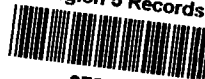


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Mr. Steve Barker  
Sinclair & Valentine Co.  
2520 Pilot Knob Rd.  
St. Paul MN 55120  
Re: Site Name: Chicago Branch of Sinclair & Valentine  
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Dear Mr. Barker :

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry requesting additional information concerning our firm. The firm of Ecology and Environment, Inc. has been retained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under contract 68-01-6692 for the purpose of evaluating candidate sites for the National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as Superfund.

Information supplied to the U.S. EPA through CERCLA notifications as required by Section 103(c) of CERCLA has identified the property in question as a possible candidate for the National Priority List. As part of our evaluation, the U.S. EPA has asked us to perform an on-site inspection of the property in question. This is the reason for my request to visit your facility on August 14, 1985.

I have attached a copy of the Letter of Introduction provided by the U.S. EPA for Ecology and Environment employees engaged in field investigation work, which outlines the statutory basis for such inspections. Also, attached is a copy of the confidentiality memorandum that all Ecology and Environment employees have signed. So you have a better understanding of the questions we need to ask, I have also attached a copy of the site inspection form.

If you have any further <sup>questions</sup> ~~information~~ or if a change in plans is necessary, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Jane Anderson  
Hydrologist